GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6354
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2000
EXPLORATIN OF GAS OIL BY ONGC IN TAMIL NADU
A. KRISHNASWAMY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any oil/gas exploration has been carried out/being carried out by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited in Trivellore district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the results obtained thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total number of such explorations carried out and proposed to be carried out at off-shore and on-shore in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(d) A statement is enclosed.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6354 for 8.5.2000.

(a) to (c):Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.(ONGC) had acquired 1369 Ground Line Kilometre of seismic data in Tiruvallur distric but no drillable prospect could be identified.

(d):Exploration input expended by ONGC in Tamil Nadu and in its continuous areas in the offshore as on 1.4.2000 is as below:

	Onshore	Offshore
2D Survey	38,374 GLK	40,289 LK
3D survey	1,049 SSK	5,732 GLK 3,239 LK
Prospects drilled	124	29
Hydrocarbon finds	24	3
Exploratory wells drilled	319	52

Exploratory input proposed to be carried out by ONGC during the year 2000-2002 is as below:

2D Survey	550 GLK	1000 LK
3D survey	2850 GLK	-
Exploratory wells	34	

In very shallow water, some locations are being firmed up for drilling.

In so far as private/joint venture (JV) companies are concerned, two exploration blocks in offshore areaof Tamil Nadu have been contracted to private/JV companies. Recently under the New Exploration Licensing Policy, two blocks in offshore Cauvery have been awarded and contract has been signed for one of these blocks.

GLK = Ground Line Kilometre
LK = Line Kilometre
SSK = Standard Square Kilometre